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Re: Application of Kazuyuki OHMOTO; Masashi KATO; Hiroshi KOHNO; Seishi KATSUMATA and Junichiro MANAKO
HETEROCYCLIC SPIRO COMPOUND
Assignee: **ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**
Our Ref: Q94762

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | <u>17</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$50.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>2</u> | - | 3 | = | <u>0</u> | x | \$200.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u> |
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| Search Fee* | \$400.00 |
| Examination Fee* | \$200.00 |
| <u>TOTAL FEE</u> | <u>\$900.00</u> |

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| Japan | 2003-384236 | November 13, 2003 |

Since the anniversary of the 30 month due date fell on a Saturday the filing of this application on Monday, May 15, 2006, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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